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SUBJ: PRESS CONFERENCE BY CANADIAN MINISTER OF ENERGY,

MINES AND RESOURCES DONAL MACDONALD, APRIL 18, 1974

1. CANADA IS TRYING TO MECHANIZE ITS OWN ECONOMY AND LIKE THE ARABS TO GET THE MAXIMUM PRICE FOR ITS RESOURCES. THIS IS "A FACT OF ECONOMIC LIFE" -- TO GET A GREATER RETURN BY INTERNAL USE THAN EXPORTING. A PRODUCING COUNTRY IS ENTITLED TO ATTAIN THE MAXIMUM FROM ITS ASSETS AND NATURAL RESOURCES. CANADA BELIEVES COMMODITY AGREEMENTS BETWEEN PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS ESSENTIAL TO ASSURE THE MAXIMUM RETURN. HE CITED URANIUM AS AN EXAMPLE. (FYI. CANADIAN MISOFF INFORMED USUN CANADA CONSIDERING PROPOSING SPECIFIC COMMODITY AGREEMENT ON URANIUM IN CONTEXT SPECIAL UNGA. END FYI.)

2. CANADA HAS BEEN SELLING NUCLEAR PLANTS TO ARGENTINA AND KOREA AND ON A CONCESSION BASIS TO INDIA AND PAKISTAN; WOULD BE GLAD TO MAKE MORE AVAILABLE TO THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES. BUT CANADA GIVES PRIORITY TO FOOD.

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3. THERE SHOULD BE COMMODITY AGREEMENTS BETWEEN NATIONS ON IRON

ORE. CANADA WOULD ATTEND AN INT'L MEETING ON THIS BUT NOT AT MINISERIAL LEVEL ONLY AT AN OFFICIAL LEVEL.

4. THE 1,300,000 BARRELS PREVIOUSLY SHIPPED FROM CANADA TO THE US HAS DROPPED TO 900,000 BARRELS A DAY AND WILL DROP WITHIN THREE TO FIVE YEARS TO 500,000 BARRELS; BY THE END OF THE DECADE IT WILL BE ZERO, HE PREDICTS. BECAUSE CANADA RECOGNIZES THAT CERTAIN NEW REFINERIES WILL BE BASED ON CANADIAN OIL SUPPLIES, CANADA WILL SUPPORT THEM UNTIL THEY FIND ALTERNATE SUPPLIES. DOMESTIC NEEDS WILL ABSORB WHAT WAS PREVIOUSLY SENT TO THE US. THERE HAS BEEN A GROWTH IN CANADIAN DEMANDS. EXPORTS OF PETRO-CHEMICALS TO US MAY INCREASE.  
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